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1. MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS US GRATITUDE FOR FRG'S

FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON THIS MATTER.

2. WE AGREE WITH GERMAN SUGGESTION (REF A) THAT THE US SHOULD INTRODUCE THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS OF A PAPER ON PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF OPTION III (ON BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND ELEMENTS OF A PRESS STATEMENT) AND THE FRG SHOULD INTRODUCE A THIRD SECTION (CONTINGENCY ARGUMENTS) SEPARATELY AT THE OCTOBER 2 SPC MEETING, IF POSSIBLE.

3. WE HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON PROPOSED FRG CHANGES TO US TEXT IN REF. B:

A. WE CAN ACCEPT FRG SUGGESTION TO ADD PHRASE "AND UNTIL THE COUNCIL HAS CONFIRMED THE JUDGMENT OF THE AHG" IN PARA. E.

B. WITH REGARD TO FRG CHANGE TO SECOND TICK OF PARA. 2F, WE NOTE FRG POINT, BUT PREFER TO REPHRASE THE SENTENCE TO READ "WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN US NUCLEAR ELEMENTS."

C. REGARDING FRG SUGGESTED DELETION OF SECOND SENTENCE IN THIRD TICK OF PARA. 2F OF US TEXT (ABOUT RESPONDING TO EASTERN CONCERNS), WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT TO SHOW THAT THE ALLIED APPROACH IS ONE WHICH CAN REASONABLY FORM THE BASIS OF A FINAL MBFR AGREEMENT. POINTING OUT THAT OUR OFFER TAKES EXPRESSED EASTERN CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD. WE DO NOT THINK THERE IS ANY HINT OF WEAKNESS IN MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DELETE SENTENCE IF GERMANS INSIST.

D. WE CAN ACCEPT FRG SUGGESTION TO DELETE SECOND CLAUSE OF FIRST SENTENCE IN FOURTH TICK OF PARA. 2F, SO THAT FIRST SENTENCE WOULD NOW READ "IN VIEW OF THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF THESE US NUCLEAR ELEMENTS, THE ALLIED OFFER IS A WEIGHTY ONE."

4. WITH REGARD TO FRG REWRITE OF SECTION ON CONTINGENCY ARGUMENTS, WE BELIEVE US COMMENTS HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY REFLECTED. WE AGREE WITH MISSION, PER PARA. 9, REF. A,
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THAT SENTENCE IN PARA. 9 IN NEW FRG TEXT ("SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE WELL THOUGHT OUT BASIC WESTERN CONCEPT OF FOCUSING LIMITATIONS ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER") SHOULD BE REVISED. MISSION SHOULD SUGGEST TO FRG NATO DELOFF THE REWRITE OF THIS PARA. PROPOSED BY MBFR DELEGATION IN PARA. 2, REF C. REGARDING FRG PARA. 17, WE APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF MEANING OF

QUESTION AND WILL REVIEW IT FURTHER.

5. FOR EMBASSY BONN: WE WOULD APPRECIATE FRG REACTION
TO US APPROACH ON TACTICS PAPER (REF. D). INGERSOLL

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